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About Valley of Peace

A Word From Pastor Ashley Osborn

On Sunday, May 24, we will celebrate Pentecost, one of the most vibrant, Spirit-filled days in the life of the church.

In the story of Pentecost from Acts 2, we hear of a rushing wind, tongues of fire, and people suddenly speaking in ways that allowed others to hear and understand the good news. It is a moment of movement, unexpected, powerful, and deeply connecting. The Holy Spirit does not sit still, and neither do the people filled with that same Spirit!

Pentecost reminds us that God is always on the move. The Spirit stirs, disrupts, gathers, and sends. It brings courage where there was fear; clarity where there was confusion; and connection where there was division. It is the same Spirit that continues to breathe life into the Church, not just long ago, but right here, right now, among us.

And we are seeing that new life in very real ways here at Valley of Peace.

In our advocacy and faith and neighboring practices, we are stepping more fully into loving our neighbors and seeking justice in our communities. In our care for one another, we are showing up in times of need with compassion, presence, and generosity. And in the improvements to our building and property, we are creating spaces that are more welcoming, accessible, and ready for the ministry God is calling us into.

These are not just projects or programs, they are signs of the Spirit at work among us, moving us outward in love and drawing us deeper into beloved community.

As we prepare to celebrate, I invite you to wear red to worship on Sunday, May 24. This is a visible sign of the fire of the Spirit in our midst. Whether it is a bright shirt, a subtle scarf, or a bold splash of color, this is one way of embodying the story together.

But more than what we wear, Pentecost invites us to pay attention. Where do you notice movement in your life? Where is the Spirit nudging, stirring, or surprising you? Where might God be calling you into something new?

My prayer is that we would be a community open to that movement, trusting that the Spirit is still at work, still speaking, and still sending us out in God's love.

Thanks be to God for the work of the Spirit!
Pastor Ashley

Some Note-able Music Updates

Our wonderful organist will be on sabbatical for several Sundays this summer. We will need people to play for the services. We are open to anything, organ, piano, guitar, etc.

We will need people for the following dates:

June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2 and August 9.

If you are interested please contact Christine Weatherman at music@valleyofpeace.org or 612-834-3228.



ISAIAH 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

On April 30th, ISAIAH is hosting a 24-hour prayer vigil at/for HCMC, an effort to hold in prayer the staff and patients--many who are low-income and uninsured--at the hospital that is under threat of closing.

A few Wildfire clergy will be helping host/lead the vigil from 4-7 pm on the 30th (6 pm-7 pm led by VOP: Pastor Ashley & Pastor Laurie).

The more people take part, the more powerful this action can be.

You are welcome to head downtown and take part at ANY time during these 24 hours. If you would like the sign-up information, please reach out to Kelsey Pierson at office@valleyofpeace.org.

Summer Worship

Friendly reminder that our first summer worship will begin on Sunday, May 24.

Summer worship service will begin at 9:30 am.

See you then!



Annual Meeting 2026

Join us after worship on Sunday, May 17 for our 2026 Annual Meeting.

An extra special Annual Meeting as we will be having it in the newly remodeled Fellowship Hall!

If you would like a copy of the Annual Report, it will be available starting May 10.

Council Nominations

We are still in need of a Treasurer and Parish Life Council Member.

For Parish Life, we are looking for someone who can work with teams for coordinating food & fellowship for events. For example, for Thanksgiving Eve Worship, the Worship and Music Team can focus on the worship service & the Parish Life Team can assist with setting up for the pie and coffee. Same for Rally Sunday and other events.

Any questions or interest, please contact Jim Jasper
651-269-0253

Question or Two & a Brew

Join us on May 9th for Question or Two & a Brew. We will meet at Bear Cave Brewing in Hopkins at 4:30 pm.

1201 Mainstreet,
Hopkins, MN

<https://bearcavebrewing.com>

Any questions reach out to Wes Syverson.



Java for Mama & Papa is back THIS SUMMER!

For the months of June, July, and August, Valley of Peace members will share coffee and treats with parents of All God's Children Discovery Center every Thursday morning. We will sit outside from 7:30 - 9:00 to greet parents as they drop off, offer a space for them to enjoy a cup of coffee and treat while they connect, or share coffee and a treat for them on their way.



This has been such a meaningful way to get to know AGC families and I know that families have very much appreciated this space of care and connection!

I would love to have people join me on these Thursday mornings. If you would be willing to help set up and sit outside during this time or bring a baked good, please let me know! Thank you so much for your care and support of these young people and their families!

Pastor Ashley

Hospitality Update

Coffee Cart

Perhaps you've already taken note of this, but we have moved the coffee and treats back into the Fireside Room following worship. Perhaps you've also wondered why? Well, we had many folks ask for us to move it back into that space because people wanted to sit down, to linger longer! How nice is that?! Here is the important part of the move..please remember to invite our visitors to join you when you head into that space. It can be a bit daunting to go into that room when you're not familiar with our building. Thank you so much for continuing to be such a welcoming community!



Blessings Box and PRISM Donations

How about this? The next time you are at the grocery store, consider picking up ONE non-perishable food item for the Blessings Box here at church (it continues to get used so much!) AND/OR ONE something for the grocery cart on the lower level (let's make Ken Schneider have to make two trips to his car with items to deliver to PRISM!). Now that the weather is warming up, we can put things like toothpaste, soups and juice boxes in the Box and remember that cereal is always needed.

Feel free to bring items for the Blessings Box to the church office, or you may bring them to the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sally Daniels Herron
sally.danielsherron@gmail.com

Mission of the Month: Every Meal

Helps fight childhood hunger by sending home discreetly placed bags of nutritious, delicious and relevant food to bring home on Fridays and prepare over the weekend.

Families can choose between East African, Latino, Southeast Asian, Variety or Ready-to-Eat food packs.

13,000 Kids Served Weekly

400 School Partners

19,729 Volunteer Hours

Financial donations can be given using the Social Ministry envelopes found in the pew pockets.

If you are interested in volunteering packing the food bags, please see Linda Franz.

Join Valley of Peace at Golden Valley Pride!

We are thrilled to announce that Valley of Peace will be hosting a booth again this year at the 10th Anniversary Golden Valley Pride Festival! We invite you to join us for a day of celebration, connection, and community building as we share our spirit of inclusion with our neighbors.

Date: Saturday, June 6, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Brookview Park, Golden Valley

Our booth will be a hub of activity and hospitality. By popular demand, we are bringing back our PRIDE-themed bracelet-making station! We will also be cooling off the crowd with free lemonade and making some four-legged friends with free dog treats.

We need your help to make this event a success! We are looking for joyful volunteers to support us in several ways:

Donating and bringing supplies

Assisting with booth setup (morning) and teardown (evening)

Staffing the booth in 60-minute volunteer slots

If you would like to represent Valley of Peace and share in the festivities, please sign up for a time slot or supply donation here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Dl2gn9U3CxtSJeK65oILIPiSvziQs4fT7N9or53D8Us/edit?pli=1&gid=1443475417#gid=1443475417>

We can't wait to see you at the park!



Taste of the Burbs

Save the Date!

**Taste of the Burbs,
a benefit for PRISM**

May 7!



Celebrating what links us together!

Taste of the 'Burbs is PRISM's largest annual fundraiser, bringing the community together for an evening of great food and even greater impact. Held at The Metropolitan Ballroom and Clubhouse, this year's event will feature a full dinner, cash bar, Golden Ticket Getaway Raffle, Food Wall, Fund-A-Need, and an online silent auction.

Proceeds from Taste of the 'Burbs directly support PRISM's vital programs, including the Marketplace Food Shelf, Housing Programs, and Shop for Change Thrift Store. Your participation helps provide healthy food, proper clothing, and housing stability for families in our community. Join us for a night of giving, connection, and fun!

Tickets go on sale March 25!

Plan to be there!

Secure your seat at Taste of the 'Burbs starting Wednesday, March 25th, 2026! This event typically sells out, so mark your calendars and get your tickets when they go on sale!

Early Bird Rate: \$125 (March 25–April 10)

Regular Rate: \$150 (April 11–April 27)

VIP Ticket: \$225

Enjoy a VIP reception, exclusive seating, first choice of parking, and early access to fundraising activities!

Rebecca's Circle

Rebecca Circle Bible Study & Spring Luncheon

Tuesday, May 12th

4th floor Party Room at South Wirth Apartments
501 Theodore Wirth Parkway in Golden Valley

Schedule:

9:30am Coffee & Social

10:00am Bible Study led by from the March/April/May issue of Gather magazine published by the Women of the ELCA.

Session 3 - Resurrection & Life: Leading us into abundant life.

From before creation to the time of Moses to today, God has promised to be with God's people — to abide with us, to guide us, to protect us and to lead us into abundant life, now and forever.

11:30am SPRING LUNCHEON - Cost \$10

Hosted by Leslie Gilyard & Elaine Lofquist

RSVP by MAY 8th if you plan on attending the luncheon.

Elaine Lofquist - em.lofquist@comcast.net

Home: (763) 432-7966 or Mobile (612) 816-5591

Whether you can come monthly or occasionally - you are always welcome.

Enter the vestibule at South Wirth Apartments and a member of Rebecca Circle will let you into the lobby. Take the elevator to the 4th Floor.

If you enter the vestibule and a greeter isn't there -
Call (612) 816-5591 and Elaine will "BUZZ" you into the lobby.



A Note From the Social Ministry Team



We did it! We even surpassed our goal of collecting 1000 grocery items or dollars to support PRISM during the month of March! Our total collected during March came to:

127 Grocery items

887 Dollars

1014 Grand Total!

We even were grateful for a contribution from one of our construction workers! He noted on our results poster that we needed just a few more dollars to get to 1000, so he went right down to the office and gave that much! With a few additional food items brought in on Easter Sunday, we went over our goal of 1000!

The need is greater than ever, especially following the ICE activities throughout the winter. Please remember that we support PRISM all year long!

Your grocery donations may be dropped off at the lower level entry in the grocery cart or baskets.

Your financial donations may be made through the VOP website, through Designated Funds/Social Ministry or by check to VOP, indicating PRISM on the memo line of your check.

Thank you from your Social Ministry Team

Team Leader + Volunteers **NEEDED!**

Our data system, ICON needs some much needed updating and TLC!

After some reviewing, we have noticed we are missing quite a bit of contact information, birthdays, anniversaries, addresses, etc.

We are looking for someone to lead the charge in organizing groups/helping calling members. We are also looking for 6-7 volunteers to help call 20 some folks from our member list and make sure the information we have is correct and if not/or we are missing it, gather that information to return back to Kelsey Pierson.

From there, Kelsey will update information in our data base.

If you are interested in volunteering as the Leader or as a Caller, please reach out to Kelsey Pierson at office@valleyofpeace.org.

Thank you!

Children, Youth & Family Updates

Vacation Bible School

Save the Dates: August 10 - 13, 5:15 pm to 7:30 pm daily

Location: Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church
5530 N 42nd Ave, Robbinsdale, MN 55422

A meal will be provided for children and volunteers each evening.
Pending volunteer availability, Adult Bible Study/Discussion to coincide, likely at Wicked Wort.

More details and registration info to come!



WILDFIRE

TEEN TALKS

FIRST TIME VOTING AND REGISTRATION



WHEN:

SUNDAY, MAY 3

LUNCH AT 12:00

PRESENTATION 12:30-1:30

WHERE:

VALLEY OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

4735 BASSETT CREEK DR

GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55422

Join us for a non-partisan presentation by Jackie Wells, a representative from the League of Women Voters and an election judge veteran of over 20 years.

Discussion will cover voter registration and preregistration, ways you can cast your ballot, walkthrough of in-person voting, as well as sources of non-partisan candidate information with a focus on local candidates.

Pizza will be provided with presentation to follow.

ALL AGES WELCOME

**Wildfire Churches
Pancake Breakfast &
Service Project**



**Free Will
Offering**

Saturday, May 16th

9:00am—12:00pm

Faith Lilac Way

5530 42nd Avenue North, Robbinsdale

Service project to benefit Agate Housing

Adult Faith Formation

Welcome to Adult Faith Formation in the Fireside Room.

May 3: Study of the Book of Revelation (Part 8) with Laurie Eaton

Our Journey through Revelation culminates in a tale of two cities, with a call to make a choice between them. Like a tour guide, John leads us on contrasting tours of rival cities.

First, we view the judgement of the evil city, Babylon, representing the Roman Empire and all unjust empires. John wants us to see with our own eyes the pathology of the drunker empire that has intoxicated the world. Even though Rome is still very much in power when John writes Revelation, he seeks to convince readers that Rome is doomed. He paints a vivid portrait of Rome's rich elites and political leaders lamenting the loss of their great wealth, while the victims of Roman injustice finally can rejoice. In painting this portrait, he uses the technique of personification in a shocking way, scripting Rome as a woman, as a whore.

The second tour will take us to God's holy city, New Jerusalem, a place of great beauty, personified as a bride. John sets the two cities in stark contrast to persuade readers to make an urgent choice. We must "come out" of the imperial system of Babylon before it is too late, so that we can participate as citizens in God's New Jerusalem, the city of blessing and promise.

We will finish lesson 7 before moving on to lesson 8. We will review and finish this study in the fall. It is not necessary to have been to previous sessions to learn.

May 10: Every Meal with Kirsten Kessel

May 17: MLK's Letter from the Birmingham Jail with Paul Mikelson (Rescheduled from the March 15th Snowstorm)

"Martin Luther King's Letter from the Birmingham Jail" - this is perhaps the most compelling argument ever written about the need for non-violent protests to promote social action. Paul Mikelson will present the letter and its impact on civil rights activity, the 1964 Civil Rights Act as well as implications for today's need for non-violent protest. Please attend and participate in this important discussion!

May 24: Memorial Day- No Adult Faith Formation

**Come join us at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room!
The coffee will be on!**



Spring Volunteers: May

If there are any OPEN positions you are able to volunteer for, please email office@valleyofpeace.org to sign up!

Sunday, May 3 at 10:15 am

Opener/Closer: Ruth Larson & Jon Larson
Greeter: Dave Gilyard
CYF Greeter: **OPEN**
Welcome Center: Lisa Rothschild
Ushers: Craig Franz, Wes Syverson,
Skip Humphrey & Sten Pearson
Worship Assistant: Sara Hoge
Reader: Kari Roll
Communion Servers: Mary Hovden & Laurie Eaton
Faith Moment: Dan Johnson
Technology: Melissa Dellwo
Coffee Cart: Diane Hinderlie
Altar Care: Linda Franz

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## Sunday, May 10 at 10:15 am

Opener/Closer: Jim Jasper  
Greeter: Diane Hinderlie  
CYF Greeter: **OPEN**  
Welcome Center: Julia Madison  
Ushers: **OPEN, OPEN**, Shennon Jay & Steve Collin  
Worship Assistant: Barb Stadie  
Reader: Steve Hoge  
Communion Servers: Sara Hoge, Becca Anderson,  
Ruth Larson & Jon Larson  
Faith Moment: Dan Miller  
Technology: Evelyn Anderson  
Coffee Cart: Jim Jasper  
Altar Care: Linda Franz

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Sunday, May 17 at 10:15 am (Annual Meeting)

Opener/Closer: Craig Franz
Greeter: Barb Mikelson
CYF Greeter: **OPEN**
Welcome Center: Anna Halvorson
Ushers: Ann Dybvig, Andy Dybvig,
Heidi Boesen & Sally Daniels Herron
Worship Assistant: Tara Kuckkan
Reader: Leslie Gilyard
Communion Servers: Anna Campbell, Dan Miller,
Mary Hovden & Paul Mikelson
Faith Moment: Darcie Rodman
Technology: Naomi Dybvig
Coffee Cart: Nancy Rogness
Altar Care: Linda Franz

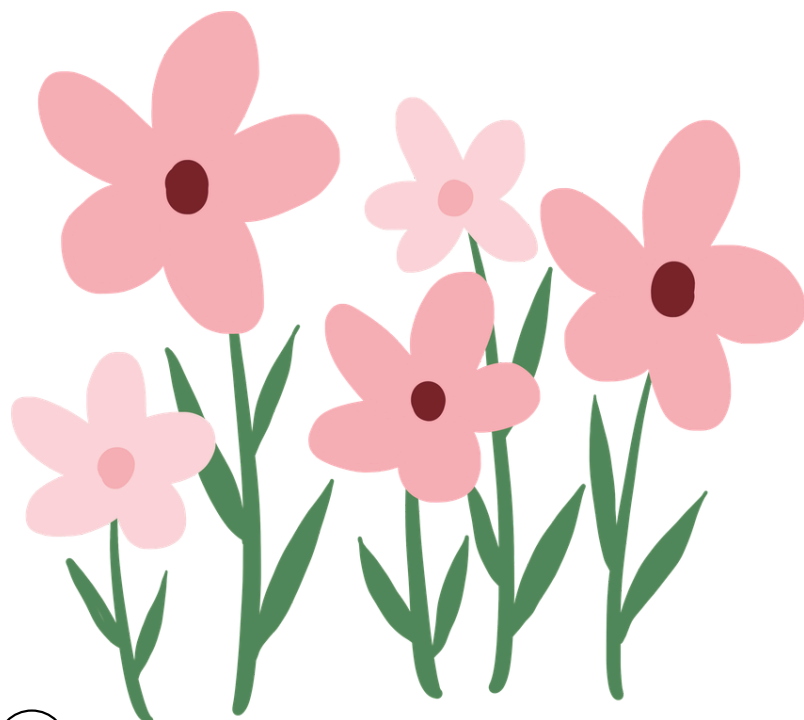
Sunday, May 24 at 10:15 am (4-The-Kids)

Opener/Closer: Paul Mikelson
Greeter: Paul Mikelson
CYF Greeter: **OPEN**
Welcome Center: Sally Daniels Herron
Ushers: *Assigned at Worship*
Worship Assistant: Elizabeth Hermeier
Reader: *Assigned at Worship*
Communion Servers: Dan Miller, Carolyn Rask,
Darcie Rodman & Laurie Eaton
Faith Moment: Pastor Ashley Osborn
Technology: Steve Collin
Coffee Cart: Abby Stetler, Matthew Stetler &
Audrey Stetler
Altar Care: Linda Franz

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## Sunday, May 31 at 10:15 am

Opener/Closer: Jim Jasper  
Greeter: Anna Halvorson  
Welcome Center: Gina Privratsky & Lisa Thanghe  
Ushers: Lynn Schneider, Ken Schneider,  
Darlene Lamker & Dean Lamker  
Worship Assistant: Dan Miller  
Reader: Barry Terrass  
Communion Servers: Dee Kendall, Heidi Boesen,  
Dave Gilyard & Steve Hoge  
Faith Moment: Dan Johnson  
Technology: Matt Dellwo  
Coffee Cart: Chrys Johnson  
Altar Care: Linda Franz



# Summer Volunteers: June

If there are any OPEN positions you are able to volunteer for, please email [office@valleyofpeace.org](mailto:office@valleyofpeace.org) to sign up!

## Sunday, June 7 at 10:15 am

Opener/Closer: Ruth Larson & Jon Larson  
Greeter: Dee Kendall  
Welcome Center: Lynn Schneider & Ken Schneider  
Ushers: Dave Gilyard, Leslie Gilyard,  
Barry Terrass & Sally Daniels Herron  
Worship Assistant: Dan Weatherman  
Reader: Dan Miller  
Communion Servers: Gina Privratsky & Diane Hinderlie  
Faith Moment: TBD  
Technology: Steve Collin  
Coffee Cart: Abby, Matthew & Audrey Stetler  
Altar Care: Pat Hepner

## Sunday, June 21 at 10:15 am

Opener/Closer: Craig Franz  
Greeter: Dan Johnson  
Welcome Center: Julia Madison  
Ushers: Lynn Schneider, Ken Schneider,  
Darlene Lamker & Dean Lamker  
Worship Assistant: Darcie Rodman  
Reader: Barb Mikelson  
Communion Servers: Anna Campbell, Melissa Dellwo,  
Kari Roll & Mary Hovden  
Faith Moment: TBD  
Technology: Chuck Rudolph  
Coffee Cart: Diane Hinderlie  
Altar Care: Pat Hepner

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Sunday, June 14 at 10:15 am

Opener/Closer: Jim Jasper
Greeter: Lauren Pockl
Welcome Center: Gina Privratsky & Lisa Thanghe
Ushers: Ann Dybvig, Andy Dybvig,
Jon Larson & Steve Collin
Worship Assistant: Becca Anderson
Reader: Dave Gilyard
Communion Servers: Barb Mikelson, Paul Mikelson,
Dan Johnson & Laurie Eaton
Faith Moment: TBD
Technology: Naomi Dybvig
Coffee Cart: Jim Jasper
Altar Care: Pat Hepner

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## Sunday, June 28 at 10:15 am (4-The-Kids)

Opener/Closer: Paul Mikelson  
Greeter: Shennon Jay  
Welcome Center: Anna Halvorson  
Ushers: *Assigned at Worship*  
Worship Assistant: Dan Miller  
Reader: *Assigned at Worship*  
Communion Servers: Ruth Larson, Jon Larson,  
Carolyn Rask & Becca Anderson  
Faith Moment: TBD  
Technology: Melissa Dellwo  
Coffee Cart: Nancy Rogness  
Altar Care: Pat Hepner



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/4: Sara Blood & Cheryl Stetler

5/6: Boden Moravec, Sarah Bingea, Mary King-Broin & Chad Schneider

5/8: Casey Balint & Tyler Martin

5/9: Linda Franz

5/10: David Franke

5/11: Neil Peterson

5/12: Liam Black

5/14: Daisy Braem & Elsie Braem

5/15: Barb Mikelson

5/16: Cece Pockl Schneider

5/19: Bennett Laurent

5/20: Sabra Edwards

5/22: August Radel-Moore & Daniel Kempf

5/23: Zachary Pierson & Matt Dellwo

5/24: Jon Ewald & Karl Schiebe

5/25: Carolyn Schueller

5/27: Dayton Franke

5/29: Timothy Anderson

5/30: Grant Martin & Teri Spartz

# HAPPY Anniversery

5/10: Abbey & Craig Wiltzius, their 18th;

5/17: Mary Hovden & John Roll, their 40th;

# Activity Calendar

## May 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                                          | Monday                                | Tuesday                                                           | Wednesday                                                                                                                          | Thursday                                                  | Friday                           | Saturday                                                      |
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| 3<br>No Chancel Choir Practice<br>9:00 am Children's FF<br>10:15 am Worship<br>12:00 Wildfire Teen Talks<br>7:00 pm CFF Meeting | 4                                     | 5                                                                 | 6<br>4:00 pm Staff Mtg.<br>5:45 pm Pray w/out Ceasing<br>6:30 pm Confirmation<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir                             | 7<br>10:00 am Text Study<br>6:00 pm Taste of the Burbs    | 8<br>AGCDC/VOP<br>Office Closed  | 9<br>4:30 pm<br>Question or<br>Two & a<br>Brew                |
| 10<br>9:00 am Adult Faith Formation<br>9:00 am Children's FF<br>9:45 am Chancel Choir<br>10:15 am Worship                       | 11                                    | 12<br>9:30 am Rebecca's Circle<br>6:00 pm Worship & Music Meeting | 13<br>4:00 pm Staff Mtg.<br>4:00 pm Loaves & Fishes<br>5:45 pm Pray w/out Ceasing<br>6:30 pm Confirmation<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir | 14<br>10:00 am Text Study                                 | 15                               | 16<br>9:00 am<br>Pancake<br>Breakfast &<br>Service<br>Project |
| 17<br>9:00 am Adult FF<br>9:00 am Children's FF<br>9:45 am Chancel Choir<br>10:15 am Worship<br>11:30 am Annual Meeting         | 18                                    | 19<br>6:15 pm Council Meeting                                     | 20<br>4:00 pm Staff Mtg.<br>5:45 pm Pray w/out Ceasing<br>7:00 pm Chancel Choir and End of the Year Party                          | 21<br>10:00 am Text Study                                 | 22                               | 23                                                            |
| 24<br>9:30 am Worship                                                                                                           | 25<br>4<br>AGCDC/VOP<br>Office Closed | 26                                                                | 27<br>4:00 pm Staff Mtg.<br>5:45 pm Pray w/out Ceasing<br>6:30 pm Chancel Choir<br>Singing at Park's Place                         | 28<br>Last Day of School for AGCDC<br>10:00 am Text Study | 29<br>AGCDC/VOP<br>Office Closed | 30                                                            |
| 31<br>9:30 am Worship                                                                                                           |                                       |                                                                   |                                                                                                                                    |                                                           |                                  |                                                               |